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1 February 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Historical Staff

SUBJECT : Status of History of the United States
Intelligence Board

1. To the extent permitted by my regular duties, I have now essentially completed a draft of the first volume of a United States Intelligence Board history. This volume describes the origin of the USIB from the Joint Intelligence Committee in World War II through the IAC and USCIB, culminating with the President's approval of the recommendation by his Board of Consultants for a single USIB and the required NSCIDs to establish it. As you suggested this was considered an essential prerequisite to an understanding of the Board as it functioned subsequently.

2. Again depending on the time available for this project, it is my hope that I can make substantial progress prior to retirement about July in providing a general history of the USIB from its creation in 1958 to the present time. I will make every effort at least to bring the history up to 1964 when [] the present Deputy Executive Secretary, joined the secretariat and is therefore familiar with subsequent developments.

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